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Subject: Quality Assurance Project Plan for Preliminary Assessments of Garden City Dry

Cleaner Sites, Garden City, Kansas

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Task Order No. 19F0065.005

Task Monitor: Jamie Bernard-Drakey, EPA Kansas Site Assessment Manager

Dear Ms. Bernard-Drakey:

Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech) submits the attached Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for Preliminary Assessments of Five Garden City Dry Cleaner sites in Garden City, Kansas. If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Project Manager at (816) 412-1771.

Sincerely,

Jenna Mead, RG

START Project Manager

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Enclosures

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# QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT PLAN

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Project Information:									
Site Name: Preliminary Assessments of Garden City Dry Cleaner Sites City: Garden City State: Kansas									
EPA Project Manager: Jan	T Project Manager: Jer	nna Mead							
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Title:	e: START Project Manager Date: 05/03/2022			Prenar	Prepared For: EPA Region 7 Superfund Division				
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Title:	START Program Manager	•	Date: 05/03/2022						
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Title:	EPA Regional QA Manage		Date:						
approved w/condition			oject Management	:					
	1.1 Distribution List:								
1.2 Project/Task Organi	zation:								
Jamie Bernard-Drakey of the Assurance Project Plan (QAF						cribed in this Quality			
1.3 Problem Definition/I	Background:								
Description: This site-specific QAPP form is prepared as an addendum to the Generic QAPP for the Superfund Site Assessment and Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) Programs (October 2017), and specifies site-specific data quality objectives for the sampling activities described herein.									
☑ Description attached.									
Description in referenced report:									
Title Date  1.4 Project/Task Description:									
☐ Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) Preliminary Assessment (PA)									
☐ CERCLA Site Investigation (SI) ☐ Brownfields Assessment									
_	☐ Other (description attached) ☐ Pre-CERCLA Site Screening ☐ Removal Assessment								
Schedule: Field work is sche	eduled for June 2022.								
☐ Description in reference	ed report:	Ti41.			Dete				
		Title			Date				

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1.5 Quality Objectives and Criteria for Measurement Data:								
ccuracy:   Identified in attached table.								
Precision:		$\boxtimes$	Identified in	attached table.				
Representativeness:		$\boxtimes$	Identified in	attached table.				
Completeness*:		$\boxtimes$	Identified in	attached table.				
Comparability:		$\boxtimes$	Identified in	attached table.				
Other Description:  *A completeness goal of 100 percent has be make site decisions based on any or all the			ever, if the con	npleteness goal is	s not met, EPA may still be able to			
1.6 Special Training/Certification Rec	quirements:							
Occupational Safety and Health Adm	inistration (OSHA) 1	910						
Special Equipment/Instrument Operat					* '			
groundwater). An experienced and lie  Other (describe below):	censed operator will o	conduct direct-p	ish technology	(DPT) operation	ns.			
Other (describe below).								
1.7 Documentation and Records:								
☐ Field Sheets ☐ Site Log	$\boxtimes$	Trip Report	$\boxtimes$	Site Maps	☐ Video			
Chain of Custody Health an	nd Safety Plan	Letter Repor		Photos				
Sample documentation will follow EF	DA Dagian 7 Standar	1 Oparatina Pra	odura (SOD) 2	420.05				
A copy of this QAPP and any future a documents.	2	1 0	` /		ctivities. EPA will maintain original			
Other: Analytical information will be	handled according to	o procedures ide	ntified in Table	e 2.				
	2.0 Me	easurement and	Data Acquisi	tion:				
2.1 Sampling Process Design:								
☐ Random Sampling ☐ Tra	nnsect Sampling	⊠ Biased	/Judgmental Sa	ampling	☐ Stratified Random Sampling			
☐ Search Sampling ☐ Sys	stematic Grid	☐ System	atic Random S	Sampling	Definitive Sampling			
☐ Screening w/o Definitive Confirmation	on	Screen	ing w/ Definiti	ve Confirmation	ı			
Sample Map(s) Attached								
The proposed scheme for groundwater sampling from Geoprobe® DPT temporary wells will be biased/judgmental, with definitive laboratory analysis, in accordance with procedures included in the Guidance for Performing Site Inspections Under CERCLA, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) Directive #9345.1-05, September 1992; and Removal Program Representative Sampling Guidance, Volume 1: Soil, OSWER Directive 9360.4-10, November 1991. All samples will be submitted for analysis by the EPA Region 7 laboratory. See Appendices A and B for additional site-specific information and maps. The proposed number of samples is a balance between cost and coverage, and represents a reasonable attempt to meet the study objectives while staying within the budget constraints of a typical site investigation.								
Sample Summary Location	Matrix	# of Samp	les*		Analysis			
1 ,	Groundwater	5-10			VOCs			
DPT Soil Gas	Air	20			VOCs			
* Quality control (QC) samples are not included with these totals. See Table 1 for a complete sample summary.								

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2.2	for Preliminary Assessments of Garden City Dry Cleaner Sites									
Mat	rix	Sampling Method  At temporary wells installed by use of a DPT apparatus, groundwater samples	EPA SOP(s)/Methods							
II	undwater T temporary wells)	will be collected through disposable polyethylene tubing fitted with a check valve that will be inserted into a Screen Point 16 sampling apparatus containing a disposable polyvinyl chloride (PVC) or reusable stainless-steel screen.	EPA SOPs 4230.07 & 4231.2007							
Soil-	Soil-gas samples will be collected by use of a Geoprobe® that will drive steel rods to the sampling depth. Evacuated stainless steel Summa® canisters will be used to collect the soil-gas samples for analysis for VOCs.									
2.3	Sample Handling ar	nd Custody Requirements:								
	commercial service is re opening. Samples will	ed and preserved in accordance with procedures defined in Region 7 EPA SOP 2420. Equired, each cooler lid will be securely taped shut, and two custody seals will be sign be submitted to the laboratory in a time-efficient manner to ensure no exceedances of	ned, dated, and placed across the lid							
	• \	C) will be maintained as directed by Region 7 EPA SOP 2420.04. End as directed by Tetra Tech SOP 019 (Revision 7), Packaging and Shipping Sample	s, as well as any additional contract							
$\boxtimes$	•	ted according to Region 7 EPA SOP 2420.01.								
	Other (Describe):									
2.4	Analytical Methods	Requirements:								
$\boxtimes$	Identified in attached t	able.								
	Identified in attached Work Order (WO) Request Form									
	Other (Describe):									
2.5	Quality Control Rec	quirements:								
	Not Applicable									
$\boxtimes$	Identified in attached t	able.								
$\boxtimes$	In accordance with the	Generic QAPP for the Superfund Site Assessment and TBA Programs (Octobe	r 2017).							
	Describe Field QC Samples to be collected: For this investigation, field QC samples will include one field blank and one equipment rinsate blank (if groundwater is collected). The field blank will be collected to evaluate contamination of sampling containers and/or preservatives, and to assess contamination potentially introduced during sampling and laboratory procedure(s). The equipment rinsate blank will evaluate effectiveness of decontamination procedures for Geoprobe groundwater sampling equipment. In addition, one trip blank will be prepared by the EPA Region 7 laboratory to assess contamination potentially introduced during transportation of the groundwater containers/samples. If no groundwater samples are collected, trip blank and equipment blank samples will not be submitted.									
	environmental samples	I be submitted for the analyses listed in the attached tables. Evaluation of blank samples are representative depends on the levels of contamination found in environmental sewill evaluate analytical results from blank samples qualitatively for a general indication.	amples. The EPA Project Manager							
2.6	Instrument/Equipm	ent Testing, Inspection, and Maintenance Requirements:								
	Not Applicable									
$\boxtimes$	In accordance with the	Generic QAPP for the Superfund Site Assessment and TBA Programs (Octobe	r 2017).							
	` '	ting, inspection, and maintenance of field instruments (photoionization detector [PID sting, inspection, and maintenance of analytical instrumentation will comply with EP mendations.								

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2.7	.7 Instrument Calibration and Frequency:								
	Not Applicable								
$\boxtimes$	In accordance with the Generic QAPP for the Superfund Site Assessment and TBA Programs (October 2017).								
$\boxtimes$	Calibration of laboratory equipment will be performed as described in the EPA Region 7 SOPs and/or manufacturers' recommendations.								
$\boxtimes$	Other (Describe): Calibration of field instruments will occur daily, as described in the manufacturers' recommendations.								
2.8	Inspection/Acceptance Requirements for Supplies and Consumables:								
	Not Applicable								
$\boxtimes$	In accordance with the Generic QAPP for the Superfund Site Assessment and TBA Programs (October 2017).								
	All sample containers will meet EPA criteria for cleaning procedures for low-level chemical analysis. The manufacturer will provide sample containers with Level II certifications in accordance with pre-cleaning criteria established by EPA in <i>Specifications and Guidelines for Obtaining Contaminant-Free Containers</i> .								
Ш	Other (Describe):								
2.9	Data Acquisition Requirements								
	Not Applicable								
$\boxtimes$	In accordance with the Generic QAPP for the Superfund Site Assessment and TBA Programs (October 2017).								
	EPA and/or its contractor(s) have compiled from other sources data or information pertaining to the site (including other analytical data, reports, photos, maps, etc., that are referenced in this QAPP). Some of those data have not been verified by EPA and/or its contractor(s); however, EPA will not use that unverified information for decision-making purposes without verification by an independent professional qualified to verify such data or information.								
	Other (Describe):								
2.10	Data Management:								
$\boxtimes$	All laboratory data acquired will be managed in accordance with Region 7 EPA SOP 2410.01.								
$\boxtimes$	Other (Describe): The START-subcontracted laboratory will manage all data acquired there in accordance with the laboratory's established procedures.								
$\boxtimes$	All data will be managed in accordance with the site-specific data management plan in Appendix C to this document.								
	3.0 Assessment and Oversight:								
3.1	Assessment and Response Actions:								
$\boxtimes$	Peer Review								
$\boxtimes$	Assessment and response actions pertaining to analytical phases of the project are addressed in Region 7 EPA SOPs 2430.06 and 2430.12.								
	Other (Describe):								
3.1A	Corrective Action:								
$\boxtimes$	Corrective actions will be at the discretion of the EPA Project Manager whenever problems appear that could adversely affect data quality								
	and/or resulting decisions affecting future response actions pertaining to the site.  Other (Describe):								

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3.2	Reports to Management:									
	Audit Report									
	Other (Describe):									
	4.0 Data Validation and Usability:									
4.1	Data Review, Validation, and Verification Requirements:									
	Identified in attached table.  Data review and verification will accord with the Generic QAPP for Superfund Site Assessment and TBA Programs (October 2017).									
	A qualified analyst and the EPA Region 7 laboratory's Section Manager will conduct data review and verification of analytical results generated by that laboratory, as described in Region 7 EPA SOPs 2430.12 and 2410.10.  Other (Describe):									
4.2	Validation and Verification Methods:									
	Identified in attached table.									
$\boxtimes$	The data will be validated in accordance with Region 7 EPA SOPs 2430.12, 2410.10.									
	The EPA Project Manager will inspect the data to provide a final review. The EPA Project Manager will review the data, if applicable, for laboratory spikes and duplicates, laboratory blanks, and field QC samples to ensure that they are acceptable. The EPA Project Manager will also compare the sample descriptions with the field sheets for consistency, and will ensure appropriate documentation of any anomalies in the data.  Other (Describe):									
4.3	Reconciliation with User Requirements:									
	Identified in attached table:									
	If data quality indicators do not meet the project's requirements as outlined in this QAPP, the data may be discarded, and re-sampling or re-analysis of the subject samples may be required by the EPA Project Manager.  Other (Describe):									

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#### Region 7 Superfund Program Addendum for the Generic QAPP for the Superfund Site Assessment and Targeted Brownfields Assessment Programs (October 2017) for Preliminary Assessments of Garden City Dry Cleaner Sites Table 1: Sample Summary Site Name: Preliminary Assessments of Garden City Dry Cleaner Location: Garden City, Kansas START Project Manager: Jenna Mead Activity/WO #: To be determined Date: April 2022 No. of Depth or Other Sampling Analytical Method/SOP Matrix Location Purpose Requested Analysis Samples Descriptor Method Groundwater will be To determine sampled within 66-70 EPA SOPs 5-10 (1 or DPT temporary whether a release to VOCs 4230.07 & EPA SOP 3230.13 Water feet below ground 2 per site) monitoring wells groundwater has surface (bgs), if 4231.2007 occurred encountered. To assess impact on human health from To be collected at about EPA SOP Soil-Gas 20 Near site site contaminants 8 feet below ground **VOCs** 4230.07 & EPA SOP 3230.04 (Vadose) 4231.2042 surface (bgs) through vapor

QC SAMPLES

Not applicable (NA)

NA

NA

VOCs

VOCs

VOCs

NA

NA

NA

EPA SOP 3230.13

EPA SOP 3230.13

EPA SOP 3230.13

intrusion

To assess

field/laboratory-

related

contamination To assess

effectiveness of

decontamination of

DPT groundwater

sampling equipment To assess

transportation-

related

contamination

Field blank (if

groundwater is

collected)

Equipment rinsate

blank (if

groundwater is

collected)

Trip blank (if

groundwater is

collected)

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Sites

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Water

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Table 2: Data Quality Objective Summary									
Site Name: Preliminary Assessments of Garden City Dry Cleaner Sites				Location: Garden City, Kansas					
START Project	Manager: Jen	ına Mead		Activity/WO #: To be	: April 2022				
	Analytical		Da	ata Quality Measureme	ents	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Sample	Data	
Analysis	Method	Accuracy	Precision	Representativeness	Completeness	Comparability	Handling Procedures	Management Procedures	
	-			Groundwater		-	-		
VOCs	See Table 1	Per analytical method	Per analytical method	Biased/judgmental sampling based on professional judgment of the sampling team	100%; no critical samples have been defined	Standardized procedures for sample collection and analysis will be used	See Section 2.3 of QAPP	See Section 2.10 of QAPP form	
	Soil-Gas								
VOCs	See Table 1	Per analytical method	Per analytical method	Biased/judgmental sampling based on professional judgment of the sampling team	100%; no critical samples have been identified	Standardized procedures for sample collection and analysis will be used	See Section 2.3 of QAPP form.	See Section 2.10 of QAPP form.	

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# APPENDIX A

SITE-SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENTS OF GARDEN CITY DRY CLEANER SITES, GARDEN CITY, KANSAS

#### INTRODUCTION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7 Superfund Division tasked the Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech) Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team (START), under contract number 68HE0719D0001, to conduct Preliminary Assessments (PA) of five current or former dry cleaners at the Garden City Dry Cleaner sites (the sites) in the City of Garden City, Kansas (the City). Based on the long history of dry cleaning operations, Pre-Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (Pre-CERCLA) Screening Assessments (PCS) determined that releases of volatile organic compounds (VOC) (probably chlorinated solvents) may have occurred to surface soil and groundwater at each of the five Garden City sites (Tetra Tech 2021). The purpose of this PA is to determine whether any threats to human health or the environment exist as a result of releases to soil and/or groundwater from these former dry cleaners. These PAs will proceed under authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) and the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). Assessment activities will accord with EPA *Guidance for Performing Preliminary Assessments Under CERCLA* (EPA 1991).

#### PA tasks will include:

- Collection of groundwater samples from direct-push technology (DPT) temporary wells at or near
  the current or former dry-cleaning facilities. An attempt will be made to sample groundwater at
  each of the five sites during a combined field sampling event. Because of the depth to
  groundwater and presence of caliche beds in Garden City, groundwater sampling may prove
  unsuccessful.
- Collection of soil-gas samples via DPT sampling from four locations at or near the current or former dry-cleaning facilities.

Obtain and document Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates at all sample locations.

• Preparation of a separate PA report for each of the five sites.

This Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) identifies site-specific features and addresses elements of the sampling strategy and analytical methods proposed for the investigation. Analytical results will be compared to EPA Superfund Chemical Data Matrix (SCDM) values, Regional Screening Levels (RSL), Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL) and background concentrations to determine whether further Superfund response is warranted.

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#### SITE BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This section presents information regarding locations of the sites, describes current site conditions and histories of the sites, and conveys the scope of work for this investigation. Site locations appear on Figures 1 and 2 in Appendix B.

## **Site Location/Description**

Garden City is on the north bank of the Arkansas River in Finney County, Kansas (see Appendix B, Figure 1), and according to the 2020 census, had a population of 28,151 (U.S. Census Bureau 2022). The City is in southwestern Kansas within the High Plains Physiographic Province, about 60 miles north of Oklahoma and east of Colorado. Elevations in the City generally range from about 2,830 feet above mean sea level (AMSL) at the east to 2,850 feet AMSL at the west, and continue to increase proceeding farther west into the High Plains. Sandhills are present south of the Arkansas River, with elevations rising to about 2,900 feet AMSL. Most of downtown Garden City is within Sections 4 through 9 and 15 through 19 in Township 24 South (T24S), Range 32 West (R32W) and Sections 12 and 13 of T24S, R33W. The City appears on the 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle maps of East and West Garden City, Kansas (U.S. Geological Survey [USGS] 1983a, b). The Garden City Public Water Supply (PWS) provides potable water to the population; however, most of those residing outside of city limits obtain their water from community PWS systems, such as those for subdivisions and mobile home parks, Finney County Rural Water District (RWD) 1, or private domestic wells. Wheatfield Electric Cooperative (Wheatfield) PWS wells also provide water to Garden City and other PWSs. Two of Wheatfield's 18 wells are within Garden City (*The Kansas Life* 2018, Finney County RWD 1 2020). PWS wells are generally producing groundwater from the High Plain (Ogallala) Aquifer or the Dakota (Maha) Aquifer, and are much deeper than private wells.

### **Waste Characteristics**

The common dry-cleaning solvent tetrachloroethene (PCE) was not used in the United States until 1934; however, petroleum solvents and carbon tetrachloride were in use as dry-cleaning solvents in the early 1900s. By 1948, PCE had replaced carbon tetrachloride as the major chlorinated dry cleaning solvent used in the United States (petroleum solvents still dominated overall). By 1962, dry cleaning operations accounted for 90 percent of the PCE used in the United States (State Coalition for Remediation of Drycleaners [SCRD] 2007). PCE degrades to trichloroethene (TCE). PCE has low to moderate mobility in soil and may leach slowly to groundwater. Its solubility in groundwater is slight (0.15 grams per liter) at 25 degrees Celsius (°C), and its specific gravity is 1.62 (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease

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Registry [ATSDR] 2019a). PCE tends to accumulate at greater depths with increasing distance from the source area.

Many dry cleaning operations during the early-late 1900s used TCE, a chlorinated solvent that quickly evaporates in air and has a sweet odor. In addition to dry cleaning, TCE is used as a degreaser for metal parts and as a precursor chemical in industry. TCE was introduced as a dry cleaning solvent in the United States in 1930 (SCRD 2007). TCE degrades to the *cis* and *trans* isomers of 1,2-dichloroethene (DCE), and to 1,1-DCE. These daughter products eventually degrade to vinyl chloride. TCE has low to moderate mobility in soil and may leach slowly to groundwater. Its solubility in groundwater is low (1 gram per liter at 25 °C), and its specific gravity is 1.46 (ATSDR 2019b). TCE tends to accumulate at greater depths with increasing distance from the source area.

#### Geology/Hydrogeology

Garden City is on the north bank of the Arkansas River in central Finney County, Kansas. The Kansas geological map of the area indicates presence of Quaternary-aged (late Pleistocene and Holocene) alluvium along the Arkansas River, and most of Garden City overlies the alluvial aquifer. Sandhills (Quaternary dune sand) are south of the alluvial valley, and the High Plains tableland (Quaternary loess) is to the north—both overlying alluvial deposits and/or the Tertiary Ogallala Formation (Kansas Geological Survey [KGS] 2021a). The loess (windblown silt) is generally about 10-30 feet thick and overlies calcareous silt, sand, and gravel of the Ogallala Formation (U.S. Department of Agriculture [USDA] 1965). Older Cretaceous-aged rocks including the Niobrara Chalk, Carlile Shale, Greenhorn Limestone, and Graneros Shale outcrop in some of the deeper valleys in the County.

The alluvial deposits and the Ogallala Formation are part of the High Plains Aquifer, the principal aquifer of the County. Groundwater flow in the shallow alluvial aquifer generally is toward and with the river's flow to the east-southeast. Groundwater flow in the Ogallala Aquifer is generally east or east-southeast. The Cretaceous rocks of the Dakota Formation, Kiowa Formation, and Cheyenne Sandstone, which underlie the Graneros Shale, form the Dakota Aquifer—also called the Maha Aquifer—of the Great Plains Aquifer System. Groundwater flow in the Dakota Aquifer is northeast toward its discharge area in north-central Kansas (KGS 2014). Pumping wells may influence local groundwater flow directions.

The City is situated on soils classified as the Las clay loam that develop on loamy alluvium over sandy and gravelly alluvium. These are deep to moderately deep soils having 0- to 1-percent slope that are occasionally flooded. Most soils south of the Arkansas River have developed on eolian sands; north of the City, soils have developed on loess (USDA 2021).

The KGS registered water wells interactive map indicates that some domestic or domestic lawn and garden wells are located within the City. Domestic wells in the City appear to be about 150-350 feet deep, and domestic lawn and garden wells are generally less than 150 feet deep; static water levels (SWL) are between about 40 and 85 feet below ground surface (bgs). Monitoring wells appear to range from about 39 to 70 feet bgs, and have SWLs of about 31 to 55 feet bgs (KGS 2021b). Kansas water well completion records for shallow aquifer monitoring wells in the City dating from about 2015-2020 were reviewed to estimate current depth to groundwater. Many of these wells were drilled to 70 feet bgs, and screened from 60-70 feet bgs. Groundwater was generally encountered during drilling at between about 46 and 50 feet bgs. SWLs were about 44 feet bgs.

Drillers' logs indicate that 0-15 feet of clay may overlie alluvial sands, silts, and gravels to about 40 to 60 feet bgs, where silty or sandy clay occurs. Some caliche beds also have been reported in the deeper sandy to silty clay around 60-70 feet bgs (KGS 2021b). According to documents available through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) Environmental Interest Finder website, some monitoring wells have been decommissioned and replaced with deeper wells because water levels had dropped below their screened intervals (KDHE 2022). Information provided in a 2005 KDHE interoffice memorandum for the nearby Garden City VOC site indicate that alluvial deposits are present to about 50-60 feet bgs where undifferentiated Pleistocene and Ogallala deposits were encountered. These deeper deposits reportedly have increased amounts of groundwater (KDHE 2022).

Well records indicate that several domestic or domestic lawn and garden wells may be within about 0.5 mile of a current or former dry cleaning facility; however, the well records may not have provided sufficient accuracy to correctly identify their locations. In addition, private wells inside the City may no longer be in service. SWLs of these wells ranged from about 22 to 65 feet bgs, and well depths ranged between 65 and 250 feet bgs. Notably, older SWLs may not represent current conditions due to aquifer depletion or drought causing water levels to drop.

The City of Garden City PWS provides 68 percent of the water supplied to a population of 26,408 from groundwater supplied by 12 active wells (five wells are inactive). The remaining 32 percent is from groundwater purchased from the Wheatland Electric Cooperative (Kansas Drinking Water Watch 2021). Seven of the Garden City PWS wells are in the sandhills south of the City. Five active and five inactive wells are inside city limits. Three wells are listed as inactive/emergency wells, and two are listed as inactive/non-PWS (Kansas Drinking Water Watch 2021). Three wells (including one inactive/emergency well) produce groundwater from sandstones of the Cretaceous Dakota Aquifer, and the other 14 wells produce groundwater from the Ogallala sands and gravels of the High Plains Aquifer. A driller's log for a

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1984 PWS well in the central portion of the City describes alternating sands and clays to about 270 feet bgs, then Cretaceous clays/shales, and then limestones to total depth of 660 feet bgs. It notes that groundwater is produced from the Dakota sandstone at 560-657 feet bgs, and specifies an SWL of 122 feet bgs. In contrast, High Plains Aquifer PWS wells are generally about 300-350 feet bgs, but have similar SWLs of 120 feet bgs (KGS 2021b).

Numerous oil and gas wells are in the Garden City area. Gas wells generally produce from the Permian Chase Group at depths of about 2,500 feet bgs, while oil production well depths appear to have total depths of about 4,500 to 5,000 feet bgs and terminate in Pennsylvanian and Mississippian rocks (KGS 2021c).

#### PREVIOUS KANSAS DRY CLEANER INVESTIGATIONS IN GARDEN CITY

The KDHE Environmental Interest Finder Map for Garden City identified four dry cleaners in the Kansas Dry Cleaner Program. Three of these are currently active: Streeter Cleaners (628 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street), Stroh Cleaners (2501 Fleming Street), and Garden City Specialty Cleaners (1808 E. Kansas Avenue). The fourth of these, Raleys Quality Cleaner (801 N. Main Street), has closed. Of these, only the Stroh Cleaners site is also on the Kansas Identified Site List (ISL).

Four sites on the Kansas ISL are former dry cleaners or are likely related to dry cleaners, and were excluded from the 2021 PCS (Tetra Tech 2021). In addition to Stroh Cleaners, these sites are Garden City Laundry (410 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street), Penny/Stroh Cleaners (100 N. Main Street), and Garden City VOC site (likely related to dry cleaning at the former Garden City Uniform and Linen Rental). The 2021 PCS includes brief summaries of the investigations at these sites and PWS wells that had been impacted by contaminants (Tetra Tech 2021). Encounter with any groundwater contamination associated with these sites would be unlikely during sampling at the five Garden City Dry Cleaner sites to be investigated under this QAPP.

#### SELECTED DRY CLEANERS AND SITE HISTORY

A Kansas Dry Cleaner Inventory prepared by START in 2020 identified about 18 facilities in Garden City directories where dry cleaning operations likely had occurred (Tetra Tech 2020). START reviewed available information regarding these dry cleaning facilities, eliminated those investigated by KDHE, and selected five sites for a PCS. Selection of these five sites was based primarily on dry cleaners there having operated for at least a 10-year period between approximately 1950 and 2000. During that 50-year period, PCE was commonly used as a dry cleaning solvent, but regulations regarding proper disposal of

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waste PCE were not in effect or facility owners might not have been fully familiar with regulatory compliance. Facilities known to use PCE, including coin-operated dry cleaning facilities, were included in the PCS even if they had operated for fewer than 10 years (Tetra Tech 2021).

The PCS included sites of two active dry cleaners and three former dry cleaners. The site names, addresses, GPS coordinates at the approximate centers of the respective sites, and known years of operation are listed in Table A-1. Figure 2 in Appendix B shows site locations. One of these buildings (801 N. Main Street) was demolished and replaced by a newer building and parking lot in about 2004.

TABLE A-1

FORMER DRY CLEANERS INCLUDED IN PCS
FIVE DRY CLEANER SITES – GARDEN CITY, KANSAS

Site Name	EPA SEMS ID	Dry Cleaners	Latitude (Degrees North)	Longitude (Degrees West)	Years of Operation
Location #1: 110 W. Fulton St.	KSN000720854	Former Acme Cleaners	37.96557	100.87486	1946-1970
Location #2: 801 N. Main St.	KSN000720857	Former Cleaver Cleaners/Raley's Quality Cleaners	37.97197	100.8728	1965-2001
Location #3: 1808 E. Kansas Ave.	KSN000720860	Garden City Specialty Cleaners	37.97449	100.85005	1991-present
Location #4: 605 Kansas Plaza	KSN000720859	Former Sterling Cleaning Center Norge Village	37.97536	100.75495	1962-1971
Location #5: 628 N. 8 <sup>th</sup> St.	KSN000720858	Streeter Cleaners	37.97164	100.8749	1955-present

The following paragraphs summarize PCS findings from the sites listed in Table 1 (Tetra Tech 2021).

## Location #1: 110 W. Fulton Street

Location 1 at 110 W. Fulton Street was the site of Acme Cleaners from about 1946 until 1970. This building has current or former addresses of 106, 108, 110, and 112 W. Fulton (see Figure 3, Appendix B). It is listed in the Downtown Garden City Historic Resources Survey as dating to 1935 and having hosted Elite Café, Acme Cleaners, and Ace High Barber Shop (Spencer Preservation 2011). A 1929-1950 Sanborn fire insurance map shows a restaurant at 106-108 W. Fulton (the east half of the building). The 112 address at the northwest corner of the building is shown as a small (about 12- by 25-feet) shop and was likely the barbershop. The 110 address, between the restaurant and the likely barbershop, is shown as a storefront shop measuring about 17 by 45 feet and extending west behind the 112 W. Fulton shop. A separate dry cleaning building (about 17 by 12 feet) is just south of the 110 address, where an addition

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to the building at 119 N. Main Street later occurred (ProQuest, LLC 2021). Both properties are owned by the Finnup Foundation Trust at 119 N. Main Street (Finney County 2021). The Finnup Land Company previously owned the building at 119 N. Main Street and occupied one of the two storefront office spaces. Various advertisements from about 1970 include rentals for 106 or 110 W. Fulton and 119 N. Main with reference to contact at the Finnup Office at 119 N. Main, and suggest common ownership dates to at least the 1970s. The 106 W. Fulton address currently is listed as a Family Crisis Center, which appears to be the only building occupant. The closest residences are about 600 feet west (upgradient). The closest downgradient residences are about 800 feet east of the former dry cleaner. This site is about 800 feet southwest of PWS well #18, an emergency-use well. Three active wells and two additional inactive PWS wells are within 1 mile of the site. No previous investigations of this site have been identified; however, a 2005 memorandum from KDHE in the Garden City VOC site files mentions inclusion of Acme Cleaners in a 1997 investigation of dry cleaning sites regarding contamination in PWS wells #10 (north of downtown) and #18 (KDHE 2022).

#### Location #2: 801 N. Main Street

Location 2 at 801 N. Main Street is the site of a former building that hosted Cleaver Cleaners; this is not the current building at that address (see Figure 4, Appendix B). City directories listed Cleaver Cleaners, Raley's Cleaners, or Raley's Quality Cleaners at this address from 1965 until 2001. Newspaper archives indicate that Bob Cleaver previously had owned and operated Sally-Ed Cleaners at 401 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street from 1952-1964, and changed the business name with construction of his new building. A 1961 advertisement for Bob Cleaver's Sally-Ed Cleaners cited use of "deodorized APCO 125" solvent at that time (NewspaperArchive 2021). APCO 125 is a petroleum solvent produced by Anderson-Prichard Oil Company. Cleaver's new dry cleaner plant at 801 N. Main Street opened in May 1965. About 1976, Mr. Cleaver retired, and Ray Raley (a Cleaver Cleaners employee) leased and later purchased the business that became Raley's Cleaners. Mr. Raley retired in 2001, and an auction of the Raley's Cleaners equipment occurred in April 2001. A Western Eagle Petroleum Dry Cleaning machine was listed among the items to be auctioned (NewspaperArchive 2021), but PCE could have been used in a machine not auctioned or as a spot cleaning agent.

Aerial photographs show the dry cleaner building near the southeast corner of the property, prior to its demolition in about 2003. The northern and central part of the current 1- and 2-story office complex at 801-805 N. Main Street dates to 1999, while the southern part (where the dry cleaner building formerly stood) dates to 2004. The property is owned by Greene Properties at 805 N. Main Street, Suite 2 (Finney County 2021). The closest residences are across the alley, about 100 feet west of the former dry cleaner.

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The closest residences downgradient to the east are apartments about 200 feet northeast of the former facility.

Raley Quality Cleaners (801 N. Main Street) was registered with KDHE as a dry cleaner on March 23, 1998, and is listed as closed. This site is about 0.72 mile southwest of former PCE-contaminated Well #10, which has been decommissioned. Two active and three inactive PWS wells are within 1 mile of the site. No previous investigations of this site have been identified (KDHE 2022).

#### **Location #3: 1808 E. Kansas Avenue**

Location 3 at 1808 E. Kansas Avenue is the site of Garden City Specialty Cleaners, an active dry cleaner using PCE (see Figure 5, Appendix B). The facility opened in 1991 and has been owned and operated by Quang Nguyen and his wife Julie Banh since that date. December 1991 Grand Opening advertisements in the *Garden City Telegram* indicate the use of "Perc" as the dry cleaning agent (NewspaperArchive 2021). The facility owners also own the building, which was constructed in 1976 (Finney County 2021). Although use of the building prior to 1991 is unknown, commercial stores are believed to have occupied it.

The dry cleaner is in the western portion of the 6,480-square-foot strip shopping center. A Little Caesars Pizza shop is at the eastern end, and a tobacco shop is between. Several residential properties are across the alley, immediately south of this facility.

Garden City Specialty Cleaners was registered with KDHE as a dry cleaner on February 23, 1996, and is listed as active. Two PWS wells are within 1 mile southwest of this facility. No previous investigations of this site have been identified (KDHE 2022).

### Location 4: 605 Kansas Plaza

Location 4 at 605 Kansas Plaza was the site of Sterling Cleaning Center/Norge Village, a laundromat and coin-operated dry cleaning facility that opened in about 1962 and closed in 1971 (see Figure 6, Appendix B). On November 8, 1971, the *Garden City Telegram* published an advertisement for an auction in the facility to occur on November 10, 1971; listed for auction were eight Norge commercial dry cleaners, two Norge sludge cookers, filtering systems, circulating pump, and 300 gallons of cleaning solvent for dry cleaners. The property now hosts an insurance agency. Tax assessor records indicate ownership of the property by the Mayra Marquez Agency LLC. The north (back) portion of the building has a 26- by 32-foot basement. A federally subsidized apartment complex (Pershing Manor) owned by

the City is across the alley immediately north of the former dry cleaner. Single-family homes are within 200 feet south of the site and about 300 feet northeast and northwest.

This site is about 0.4 mile south of former PWS Well #10, which contained PCE in the 1990s. Three active and one inactive/emergency PWS wells are within 1 mile of the former facility. No previous investigations of this site have been identified (KDHE 2022).

# Location 5: 628 N. 8th Street

Location 5 at 628 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street is the site of Streeter Cleaners, an active dry cleaner that has operated at this location since 1955 (see Figure 7, Appendix B). Streeter Cleaners operated at 602 or 616 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, in the same area, from about 1940 until 1955. The closest residential properties are immediately north of the facility, across an alley immediately east of the facility, and across N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street about 100 feet to the northwest.

Streeter Cleaners was registered with KDHE as a dry cleaner on February 23, 1998, and is listed as active. Lisa Harris is listed as the business owner, and Anthoney and Lisa Harris at the building address are listed as the property owners (Dun & Bradstreet 2021, Finney County 2021). This facility is about 0.8 mile southwest of the former Well #10. Three active and four inactive PWS wells (two for emergency use) are within 1 mile of the site. No previous investigations of this site have been identified (KDHE 2022).

#### Scope of Work

Tetra Tech START anticipates collecting two groundwater samples each from a maximum of 21 DPT temporary wells, with four or five DPT wells at each site. At each site, one background location, one location closest to the suspected source, and two downgradient (southeast or east-southeast) locations will be sampled. At Location #5, an extra DPT temporary well will be placed near the former dry cleaner location at 616 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, about 130 feet south of the current facility. Groundwater samples will be collected within City easements rather than at the current or former facilities. Samples will be analyzed for VOCs, including PCE and its degradation products. Proposed sample locations appear on Figures 3 through 7 in Appendix B.

#### SAMPLING STRATEGY AND METHODOLOGY

This section presents the sampling strategy and methodology to be applied. A Work Order (WO) request forms will be submitted to the EPA Region 7 laboratory for all five sites and sampling activities will occur during one field event.

## **Soil-gas Sampling**

Soil-gas samples will be collected at four locations near each dry cleaner site to assess possible vapor intrusion into nearby buildings or residences. At each sampling location, steel rods will be driven to the sampling depth (8 feet bgs) by use of a DPT rig, the rods will be pulled back to provide a void space of approximately 6-inches, and disposable polyethylene tubing will be secured to the bottom of the rod string. Ambient air in the tubing will then be purged with a vacuum pump, and the upper end of the tubing will be connected to an evacuated Summa® canister. A valve on the canister will be opened, and the canister will be allowed to fill with soil-gas vapors. A pressure gauge will be used to determine the pressure in the Summa Canister before and after sample collection. Grab samples will be collected over about 30-60 seconds or until the final pressure is less than -5 inches of mercury. Figures 3-7 in Appendix B shows proposed sampling locations at each site. Samples will be analyzed for VOCs at the EPA Region 7 laboratory according to EPA Region 7 SOP 3230.04.

# **Temporary Well Sampling**

SWLs in the area for more recent monitoring wells are reported at about 40-45 feet bgs; however, groundwater in these wells reportedly was encountered during drilling a few feet deeper at about 46-50 feet bgs. Most wells were screened from 60-70 feet bgs, suggesting that insufficient groundwater for well development and sampling may be present between 40-60 feet. The more abundant groundwater within the 60-70-foot interval may be occurring within the undifferentiated Pleistocene and Ogallala deposits, and the SWLs are likely a potentiometric surface. It is uncertain whether groundwater above 60 feet bgs will be sufficient to collect VOC samples. Additionally, DPT equipment refusal may occur above 70 feet bgs if caliche beds are present and cannot be penetrated.

An attempt will be made to collect at least one downgradient groundwater sample at each site and determine the top of groundwater. The boring will be advanced to 70 feet bgs or refusal, if less than 70 feet bgs. A groundwater sample will be collected within 66-70 feet bgs or sampling will be attempted for the 4-foot interval above the refusal depth. If groundwater is encountered and the top of groundwater appears to be 8 or more feet higher than the bottom sample collected, a second sample will be collected at top of groundwater. Sample depths may also be adjusted based on occurrence of groundwater at a site. If refusal is not encountered above 70 feet bgs, but groundwater is not present at that depth, deeper attempts (maximum of 100 feet bgs) may be made to collect groundwater.

Tetra Tech START will collect groundwater samples from temporary wells using a Geoprobe® Screen Point 16 sampling apparatus containing a 4-foot-long, reusable Geoprobe stainless steel screen. At each

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location, the sampler will be advanced to total depth, and then the screen will be exposed to the aquifer. After deployment of the screen, approximately 1 liter of water will be purged through new disposable polyethylene tubing by use of a check valve placed at the bottom of the tubing prior to sample collection. If minimal groundwater is recovered, a grab sample may be collected without purging. After collection of the deeper sample, top of groundwater will be determined either by measuring with a slim-profile water level meter inside the pipe or by lifting the tubing and check valve assembly while purging to determine the approximate top of groundwater. After determining the approximate top of groundwater, the pipe string and screen can be lifted to top of groundwater and a second sample collected.

Samples for VOCs analyses will be collected in three 40-millimeter (mL) vials, each preserved with hydrochloric acid (HCl) to a pH <2. The groundwater sampler and rods will be decontaminated by use of a tap water and Alconox wash and tap water rinse following sampling at each location, and new tubing will be used at each location.

# **General Sampling Information**

After collection, each sample will be labeled and packaged accordingly, and placed in a cooler maintained at or below a temperature of 4 degrees Celsius (°C) from time of collection until submittal to the EPA Region 7 laboratory for analysis.

After completion of sampling, all boreholes will be plugged with bentonite from bottoms of the holes to ground surface. Any disturbance to pavement material (concrete, asphalt, etc.) will be patched with similar material.

Sampling locations will be determined using a hand-held GPS having a horizontal accuracy of about 10 feet.

# **Quality Control Samples**

Quality control (QC) samples for the PAs will include one field blank and one equipment rinsate blank for the combined sites. One trip blank per sample cooler will be submitted as specified in Section 2.5 of the QAPP form. Results from the field blank will be applied to all five sites and used to evaluate contamination of sampling containers and/or preservatives, and to assess contamination potentially introduced during sampling and laboratory procedure(s). Results from the equipment rinsate blank will be applied to all five sites and will be used to evaluate decontamination procedures applied to non-disposable sampling equipment. Results from the trip blank (one per cooler) will be used to assess

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contamination potentially introduced during transportation of containers/samples. Results from field duplicates (one per site) will be used to assess precision of sampling and laboratory analysis.

## **ANALYTICAL METHODS**

All samples will be submitted to the EPA Region 7 laboratory in Kansas City, Kansas, for analysis. Water samples will be analyzed for VOCs. All samples will be analyzed according to standard operating procedures and methods referenced on the QAPP form. Standard detection limits and standard 30-day turnaround times are adequate for this project. Appropriate containers and physical/chemical preservation techniques will be applied during field activities to help verify acquisition of representative analytical results. The Tetra Tech START Project Manager will complete a WO Request form and submit it to the EPA Region 7 laboratory.

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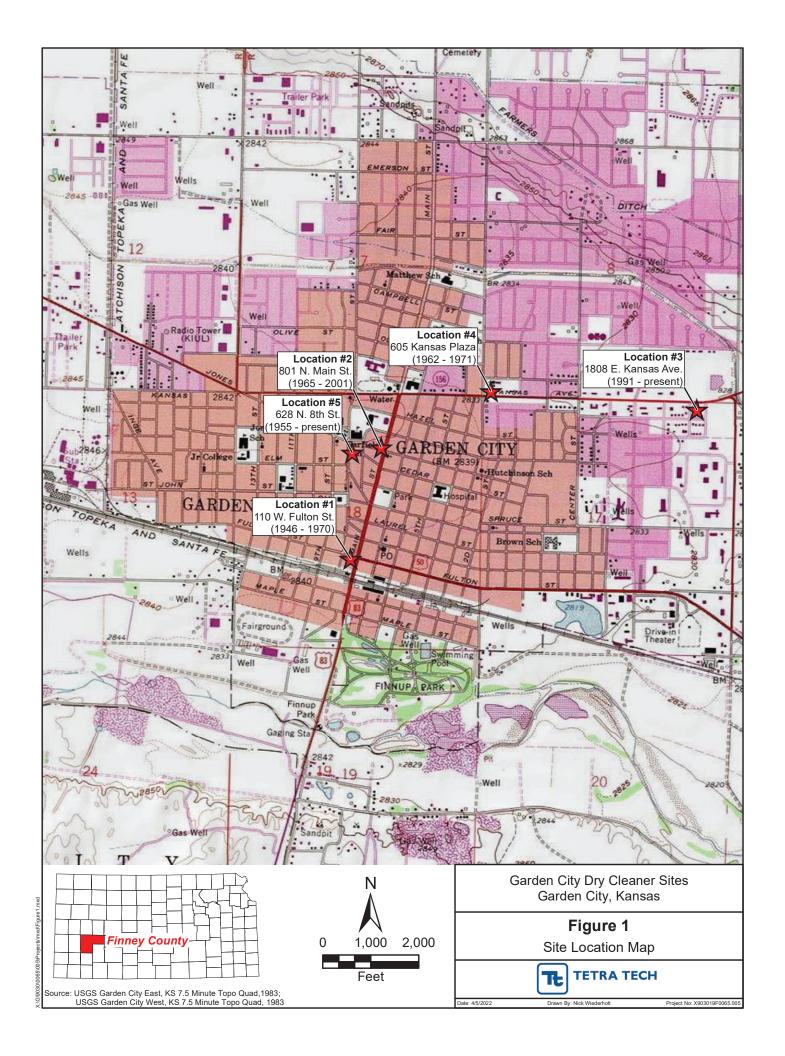
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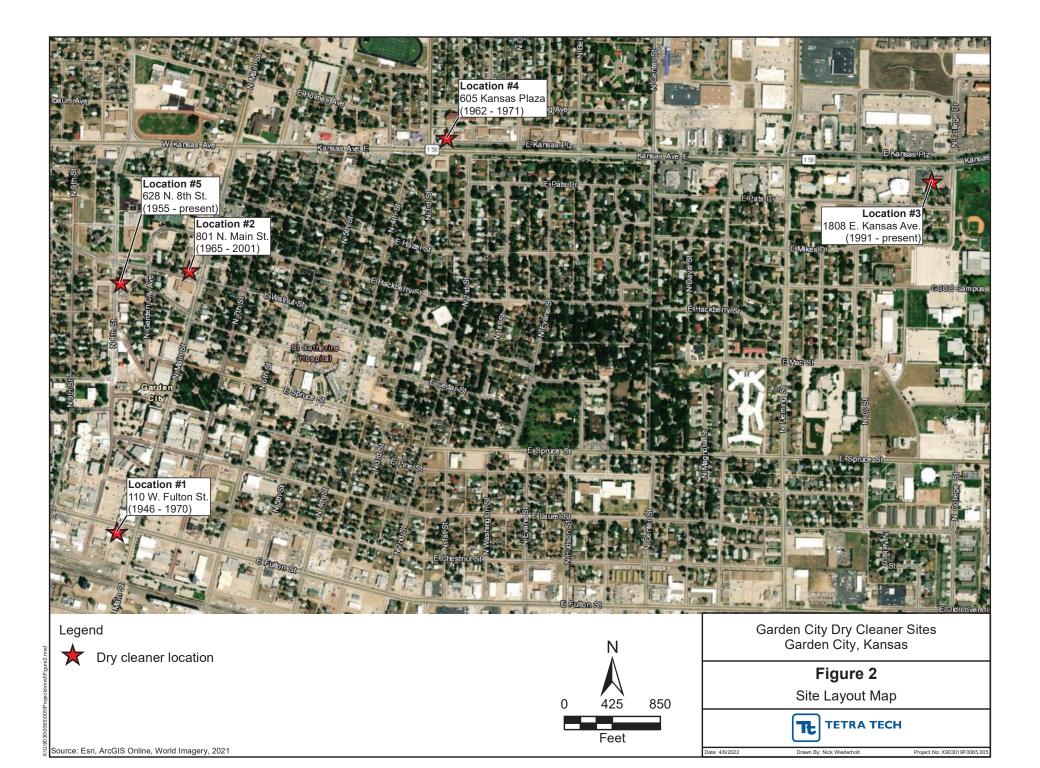
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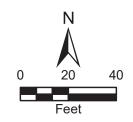


Proposed DPT groundwater sample location

Proposed soil gas sample location

Former dry cleaning facility

DPT Direct-push technology



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Figure 3
Location #1 - Proposed Sample Location Map



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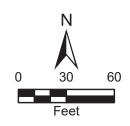


Proposed DPT groundwater sample location

Proposed soil gas sample location

Former dry cleaning facility

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Figure 4
Location #2 - Proposed Sample Location Map



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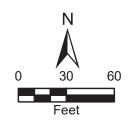
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Proposed DPT groundwater sample location

Proposed soil gas sample location

Existing dry cleaning facility

DPT Direct-push technology



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# Figure 5 Location #3 - Proposed Sample Location Map



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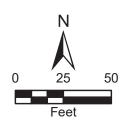


Proposed DPT groundwater sample location

Proposed soil gas sample location

Former dry cleaning facility

DPT Direct-push technology



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Figure 6
Location #4 - Proposed Sample Location Map



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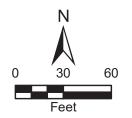
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Existing dry cleaning facility

Former dry cleaning facility

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Figure 7
Location #5 - Proposed Sample Location Map



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